IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA CHARLOTTESVILLE DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
)	
V.)	Case No. 3:22MJ000023
)	
MICHAEL WATKINS HAYER,)	<u>ORDER</u>
Defendant.)	

Pursuant to Rule 5(f) of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and the Due Process Protections Act, Pub. L. No. 116-182, 134 Stat. 894 (Oct. 21, 2020), the Court **ORDERS** that the Government adhere to its disclosure obligations set forth in *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963) and its progeny. In that case, the Supreme Court instructed that "the suppression by the prosecution of evidence favorable to an accused" violates due process where such evidence is "material either to guilt or to punishment, irrespective of the good faith or bad faith of the prosecution." *Id.* at 87. Serious consequences, up to and including vacating a conviction or disciplinary action against the prosecution, may result from failing to adhere to that obligation.

It is so **ORDERED**.

The Clerk of Court is directed to send this Order to all counsel of record.

ENTERED: July 26, 2022

Joel C. Hoppe

United States Magistrate Judge

John C. Hype